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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: 4/8/03 **Update**
Date/Time of Occurrence: 4/7/03 3:30 p.m.
Nature of Call: Assault w. Deadly Weapon/ stabbing
Location of Call: Alley between Park Drive and Sapphire Drive
Case Number: 03-5119
Released by: Sgt. John Addoms (530) 889-7856

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Late yesterday evening, investigators concluded their investigation of the incident at the Auburn Greens.

Further investigation concluded that "Quezada" stabbed Rios and that Prout was not involved in the use of the deadly weapon. Prout was released from custody without charges. Additionally, after booking, fingerprints returned on "Quezada" and it was discovered that he gave a false name. His true name is Benjamin Anthony Guterrez and he had a \$25,000 warrant for auto theft out of Turlock. Further, investigators reduced his charges from Attempt Murder to Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

Upon booking at the jail, Balderas was found to be in possession of methamphetamine. The additional charges of possession of controlled substance and bringing controlled substance into the jail were added to his booking.

Further investigation also determined that during the altercation, Balderas was armed with a baseball bat and Rios was armed with a knife. After his release from the hospital, Rios was arrested and booked for Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

Rios remains in custody pending \$15,000 bail.

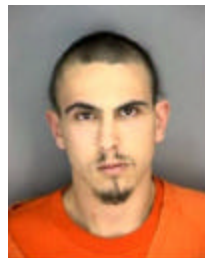
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Guterrez remains in custody pending \$15,000 bail on the local charges and \$25,000 bail on the warrant.

All the suspects are expected to be arraigned on Wednesday at 1:00 pm in Dept 13.



Francisco Balderas



Benjamin Anthony Guterrez

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